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1	of Nicholas J. Santoro in Support of Joinder in Partial Opposition to "Debtors' Proposed Cash
2	Management Procedures and Interim Use of Cash in Accordance with Proposed Cash Budget".
3	Dated this 1 day of May, 2006.
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10	COMPANY, DECLARATION OF NICHOLAS J. SANTORO IN SUPPORT OF JOINDER IN
12	Debtor. PARTIAL OPPOSITION TO "DEBTORS" PROPOSED CASH MANAGEMENT
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20	1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada and am a co-trustee of
21	the Nicholas J. and Juanita Santoro Family Trust ("the Trust"). I am submitting this declaration
22	in support of the Trust's Joinder in the Partial Opposition filed by Gregory J. Walch and Shauna
23	M. Walch to "Debtors' Proposed Cash Management Procedures And Interim Use Of Cash In
24	Accordance With Proposed Cash Budget" ("Interim Request"), and make this declaration based
25	upon my personal knowledge.
26	2. The Trust is a direct lender in five loans (the "Loans") arranged by USA Commercial
27	Mortgage Company ("UCM") between August 2005 and March 2006: Marlton Square, Binford
28	Medical Developers, Gateway Stone, Fox Hills and Copper Sage Center Phase II. In each case,
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- UCM's broker approached the Trust about making a loan to a borrower with real estate to pledge as security for the loan.
- 3. In each loan transaction, the Trust sent a check to UCM for which the Trust obtained a receipt; the loan was made to the borrower; the borrower gave a note reflecting the loan from the Trust; the borrower executed a deed of trust securing the note; and the deed of trust was to be recorded by UCM.
- 4. I executed on behalf of the Trust a Loan Servicing Agreement between the Trust and UCM, which provided, among other things, that UCM would collect interest and, if applicable, principal owed by the borrowers to the Trust on a monthly basis from each of the Loans, charge a service fee of up to 3% per annum (netting the Trust between 12% and 12.5% yield), and distribute the payment to the Trust and other direct lenders. Other than the described Loan Servicing Agreement and accompanying powers of attorney for each Loan (which basically allowed UCM to foreclose and take other actions consistent with its servicing duties), there was no other arrangement between the Trust and UCM. The Trust did not invest in UCM, the affiliated pooled real estate lending funds, or borrowers.
- 4. The Trust does not consent to the Debtor's Interim Request insofar as it seeks to perpetuate the wrongful commingling, misuse, and possible conversion of lender funds that brought UCM to this court in the first place. Specifically, the Trust opposes any use of Trust money held in the DIP Collection Account or other accounts to fund operating expenses of Debtor or its affiliates as contemplated in paragraphs "f" and "g" of the Interim Request. Having said that, with proper accounting procedures in place, the Trust has no objection to the Debtor deducting from the DIP Collection Account applicable Loan servicing fees and the amounts to which the two UCM affiliate pooled funds may be entitled as fractional payees on the Loan notes. Everything else collected from borrowers on the Loans prior to and after the petition, however, is not property of the estate under 11 U.S.C. § 541 and cannot be re-characterized as such merely because Debtor happens to be the addressee for the borrowers' payments on the Loans and Debtor thinks it is more expedient to take the Trust's money than obtain appropriate post-petition financing.

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